

MSHA HAZARD ALERT



MINERS ARE BEING RUN OVER BY POWERED HAULAGE AND OTHER MOBILE EQUIPMENT AT METAL AND NONMETAL MINES

Since January 1995, 18 miners have been run over and fatally injured by trucks, dozers, front-end loaders and a drill. Ten of the fatalities involved haulage trucks which ran over miners that were on the ground or in a pick-up truck. In eight other incidents equipment operators were run over by the same equipment they were operating.

Mine operators and contractors can successfully eliminate these types of accidents at their operation by establishing and enforcing the following basic safety rules:

- ✚ Require truck drivers and mobile equipment operators to remain in their units while in designated areas.
- ✚ Prohibit foot traffic in haulage areas.
- ✚ Develop a communications system to alert equipment operators with restricted visibility to pedestrians and other traffic in the area.
- ✚ Provide signs which clearly describe traffic hazards on mine property.
- ✚ Establish and enforce procedures for parking and leaving mobile equipment unattended.
- ✚ Require all mobile equipment to be blocked against movement prior to repairs.
- ✚ Provide hazard training for delivery and customers coming onto mine property
- ✚ Require operators to use seatbelts.
- ✚ Require front-end loader operators to visually confirm truck drivers in their cabs before loading.

